

CHAIR OF MIDWIFERY.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.

TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

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UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN, AND

LATELY EXAMINER FOR DEGREES IN MEDICINE IN THE

SAME UNIVERSITY;

&c., &c.



TO THE

RIGHT HONOURABLE RICHARD A. CROSS,

Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department.

SIR,

I beg most respectfully to offer myself as a Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen, vacant by the death of Dr. Inglis, and to state the grounds on which I venture to do so.

I am Thirty-six years of age ; and a Graduate in Arts of the University of Aberdeen. I also hold the degrees of Doctor of Medicine and Master in Surgery from the same University, both of which degrees were conferred on me "with honours" in 1862.

After graduating, I acted for two years as Teaching Assistant to the Professor of Chemistry in the University here, a position which I resigned on commencing the practice of my profession. Since that time, I have been actively engaged in practice as a private practitioner ; and also, at first, as Physician to the Aberdeen Dispensary and Lying-in Institution, and latterly, as Physician to the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

On the death of Dr. Dyce (who was Professor of Midwifery previous to Dr. Inglis), in 1869, I was requested by the Medical Faculty of the University to conduct the Midwifery Class, during the part of the Session (rather more than half) which remained, and I

did so, I believe, to their satisfaction. In 1869, I was appointed by the University Court one of the Examiners for Degrees in Medicine, an appointment which I held for the usual period of three years; and since my appointment as Physician to the Infirmary in 1871, I have been one of the Lecturers on Clinical Medicine connected with the University Medical School.

At the commencement of the present Session (in consequence of the illness of the substitute named by Professor Inglis), I was appointed by the Medical Faculty to conduct, a second time, the Course of Midwifery, a duty which I undertook on two days' notice, and which I have performed, I believe, with satisfaction both to the Students and to those who appointed me.

I hope soon to be able to submit for your consideration, Testimonials in my favour; and I need scarcely add that should I be successful in obtaining the office which I solicit, I shall use my utmost endeavours to discharge its duties efficiently and to promote the interests of my Alma Mater.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

ANGUS FRASER,

M.A., M.D., C.M.

232, UNION STREET,

ABERDEEN, 17th March, 1875.

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TESTIMONIALS.

I.

“EXTRACT OF MINUTE”—MEDICAL FACULTY.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN, 19th *January*, 1869.

“ THEREAFTER, (the Medical Faculty) having considered the
“ matter of completing the Course of Lectures on Midwifery
“ —this subject having been remitted by the Senatus to the
“ Faculty with powers, it was unanimously agreed that Dr.
“ ANGUS FRASER should be requested to undertake the duties,
“ and that the Dean be requested to make the necessary
“ arrangements.”

JAS. S. BRAZIER,

Secretary to the Medical Faculty.

II.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN, 18th *March*, 1875.

WE, the undersigned, Professors in the University of Aberdeen, have much pleasure in stating that, in November last, in consequence of the disability of Professor Inglis, from ill health, Dr. ANGUS FRASER was appointed to conduct the Class of Midwifery in this University during the session now current and nearly completed.

And, further, that although appointed to that duty at the very beginning of the session, and without time, therefore, to make adequate preparation for the proper discharge of the same, Dr. Fraser has, nevertheless, acquitted himself to our entire

satisfaction, and also, we understand, to that of the students attending the class.

(Signed) ALEX. HARVEY, M.A., M.D.,

Professor of Materia Medica.

„) GEO. OGILVIE, M.D., M.A.,

Professor of Institutes of Medicine.

„) GEORGE DICKIE, A.M., M.D.,

Professor of Botany.

(„) F. OGSTON, M.D.,

Professor of Medical Jurisprudence.

(„) JAMES NICOL,

Professor of Natural History.

(„) JAS. S. BRAZIER, F.C.S.,

Professor of Chemistry and Secretary
of Medical Faculty.

III.

From the late ALEXANDER KILGOUR, M.D., Consulting Physician, and previously Physician and Lecturer on Clinical Medicine, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, &c.

ABERDEEN, 22nd February, 1865.

DR. ANGUS FRASER having been a Clinical Clerk to me for nearly twelve months in the Aberdeen Infirmary, and having been under my observation during the whole period of his medical studies, I had thereby ample means of forming a fair judgment of his abilities and his knowledge of his profession.

He was one of the best Clinical Clerks I ever had—careful, painstaking, and sparing neither time nor trouble in the discharge of his duties. The cases he wrote out for me were so replete with accurate observation, and a sound and thoroughly

practical acquaintance with his profession, that my conviction was that, when he settled down in practice, he would have in him all the materials for a most scientific and valuable Medical Practitioner.

His career, since he ceased to be under my eye, will be told in his other certificates. But, as he informs me that he is a candidate for the vacancy in the Hospital, caused by the lamented death of Dr. Williamson, I have no hesitation in saying that, whether as regards good sound sense, a kindliness of manner that would make him most acceptable to the patients, or an intimate knowledge of his profession, he is particularly well qualified for such an appointment.

AL. KILGOUR, M.D.

IV.

From the late ROBERT DYCE, M.D., F.R.S.E., Professor of Midwifery, University of Aberdeen, Consulting Physician to the Royal Infirmary, &c., &c.

ABERDEEN, 17th February, 1865.

I HAVE much pleasure in certifying my belief of Dr. ANGUS FRASER'S fitness for the office of Physician to the Royal Infirmary. Of his abilities and thorough acquaintance with every branch of the profession, I can speak with the utmost confidence. His youth may, perhaps, be an objection in the minds of many to his holding so responsible an office, but from the experience I have had, while he acted as my Clinical Clerk in the Infirmary during 1861 and 1862, his painstaking, warm interest in the various cases, his perfect acquaintance with the practical duties of his profession—in addition to which, his having graduated

with *Honours*, when taking his degree in April, 1862, convince me that he is well qualified to be connected with any public charity where skill, attention, and kindness are required.

RO. DYCE, M.D., F.R.S.E.,

Professor of Midwifery, University of Aberdeen.

V.

From the late A. JARDINE LIZARS, M.D., F.R.C.S., Ed., lately Professor of Anatomy, University of Aberdeen, and Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary &c., &c.

ARNLEE, DEESIDE, ABERDEEN 25th April, 1864.

I HEREBY certify that I have been acquainted with Dr. ANGUS FRASER for several years. He was one of my most attentive and distinguished students. But it was not in my class only he excelled; he was eminent also in every other; and ultimately graduated with high honours.

To talents of a superior order, I have much pleasure in stating, he adds most gentlemanly manners, and a truly kind and amiable disposition. And most sincerely do I hope he will meet with that success in the practice of his profession which he so richly merits.

A. J. LIZARS,

Emeritus Professor of Anatomy in the
University of Aberdeen.

VI.

From the late WILLIAM KEITH, M.D., M.R.C.S., Senior Surgeon to the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, and Lecturer on Clinical Surgery, Aberdeen University, &c.

263, UNION STREET,

ABERDEEN, 29th March, 1869.

I HAVE great pleasure in bearing testimony to the high qualifications possessed by Dr. ANGUS FRASER, and to his special

fitness to fill the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen, at present vacant by the lamented death of the late Dr. Dyce.

He has, to my knowledge, given such entire satisfaction, while lecturing to Dr. Dyce's Class, that I am sure his appointment would satisfy all more immediately concerned.

WM. KEITH, M.D.,

&c., &c.

VII.

*From DAVID FIDDES, M.D., Consulting Surgeon, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary,
lately Examiner for Medical Degrees in the University of Aberdeen, &c.*

154, UNION STREET,

ABERDEEN, 18th March, 1875.

DEAR SIR,

I HAVE much pleasure in complying with your request to state my opinion of your fitness for the Chair of Midwifery in this University, vacant by the death of Dr. Inglis.

I have been long acquainted with you, and I know you have had no little experience in Midwifery, and have been successful in the practice thereof.

Your scientific attainments in the profession, and particularly in that branch referred to, are well known; and your having lectured with much acceptance to the students in conducting the Class during the present session, and also on a previous occasion, proves you to be well fitted to fill the Chair in a manner worthy of its importance.

Yours very truly,

DAVID FIDDES.

Dr. ANGUS FRASER.

VIII.

From HENRY JACKSON, M.D., *Aberdeen.*

19, GOLDEN SQUARE,
ABERDEEN, 20th March, 1875.

I HAVE much pleasure in certifying that Dr. ANGUS FRASER, who is at present a candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in our University, has been favourably known to me ever since he commenced the practice of his profession now nearly twelve years ago.

His career as a Medical Practitioner has been marked by a success much above the average, while his opportunities of turning his knowledge to practical account may be gathered partly from the following statements :—He held the appointment of Examiner for Medical and Surgical Degrees in our University for a period of three years ; he was also one of the Medical Officers to the General Dispensary and Lying-in Institution here ; and he is at present one of the Medical Officers to the Royal Infirmary, as well as one of the Lecturers on Clinical Medicine in that Institution ; and I further understand that he has discharged all the duties pertaining to the Chair of Midwifery during the present session, and, I believe, with great acceptance to the students.

Considering, therefore, his opportunities and abilities, I have no hesitation in stating that were he to concentrate his talents upon this particular branch of medical science he would prove both a successful teacher and a credit to the University.

HENRY JACKSON, M.D.,
L.R.S.C., Ed., &c.

IX.

From ALEXANDER F. GREIG, M.R.C.S., Eng., *Fyvie, Aberdeenshire.*

SUNNYSIDE, FYVIE, ABERDEENSHIRE,
19th March, 1875.

DEAR DR. FRASER,

I received your note to-day, announcing that you are a candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen. I am sorry for it. I believe that no one is better able to fill that Chair, I am aware that your general and professional knowledge and your known proficiency in that particular branch of Medical Science specially qualify you to be Professor of Midwifery, and yet I hope you will not get the appointment, as it will in my opinion interfere with that successful career of General Practitioner and Consulting Physician, which I see before you, and which I think you merit.

I am,
Yours ever faithfully,

AL. F. GREIG.

DR. ANGUS FRASER.

X.

From PATRICK BLAIKIE SMITH, M.B., *Physician to the Aberdeen General Dispensary, and Assistant-Professor of Chemistry in the University of Aberdeen.*

193, UNION STREET,
ABERDEEN, 19th March, 1875.

I HAVE much pleasure in certifying to the great abilities of Dr. ANGUS FRASER who is now a candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen.

During the Season 1868-69, Dr. Fraser was appointed to conduct the Lectures on Midwifery in consequence of the sudden

death of the Professor, and being then a student in the class, I can safely say that his lectures were of a very high order and afforded much instruction to all who had the privilege of hearing them.

Dr. Fraser has also lectured on Midwifery in the University since the commencement of the present Session, and I know from the personal testimony of many of his students that his conduct of the course has given them every satisfaction.

PATRICK BLAIKIE SMITH, M.B.

XI.

From J. W. F. SMITH-SHAND, M.D., Senior Physician, and Lecturer on Clinical Medicine in the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Examiner for Degrees in Medicine in the University of Aberdeen, &c.

ABERDEEN, 22nd March, 1875.

HAVING been intimately acquainted with Dr. ANGUS FRASER for the last twelve years, I can with confidence testify to his excellent abilities, high professional attainments, and gentlemanly character.

As a colleague of mine on the medical staff of the Royal Infirmary, and one of the Lecturers on Clinical Medicine, he has proved himself to be a sound and skilful physician and an able teacher.

I believe also that he has conducted the Class of Midwifery, in the University of Aberdeen, during the present session, with much satisfaction to the students.

I, therefore, consider that, with the experience of teaching which he already possesses, and his general acquirements, he is well fitted for the vacant Chair of Midwifery, for which he is at present a candidate.

J. W. F. SMITH-SHAND, M.D.

XII.

From ROBERT BEVERIDGE, M.B., *Physician and Lecturer on Clinical Medicine in the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Examiner for Degrees in Medicine in the University of Aberdeen, &c.*

36, KING STREET,

ABERDEEN, 20th March, 1875.

DEAR SIR,

Understanding that you are a candidate for the Chair of Midwifery, now vacant in the University of Aberdeen, I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to your fitness for the appointment.

Your extensive acquaintance with the subject, and your readiness and facility in teaching, are sufficient guarantees that in your hands the duties of the Chair would be ably discharged ; in addition to which, your success in conducting the class during two sessions has shewn that you are thoroughly competent for the work.

Wishing you every success,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

R. BEVERIDGE.

Dr. ANGUS FRASER.

XIII.

From ROBERT BARNES, M.D., F.R.C.P., *Obstetric Physician to St. George's Hospital, Examiner in Obstetrics to the University of London, and the Royal College of Surgeons, London, &c.*

31, GROSVENOR STREET, GROSVENOR SQUARE, W.

24th March, 1875.

It is hardly possible for any candidate for the important Chair of Obstetrics to the University of Aberdeen to put forward more solid claims than Dr. ANGUS FRASER. My knowledge of his professional acquirements, of his ability, and of his personal qualities, amply justify me in expressing a confident opinion that he will fill the vacant professorship with efficiency and dignity, so as to reflect honour upon the University and to advance the scientific and practical knowledge of his department of Medicine.

ROBERT BARNES, M.D.

XIV.

From LOMBE ATTHILL, M.D., *Univ., Dublin; Fellow and Censor King's and Queen's College of Physicians, President of the Dublin Obstetrical Society, Obstetric Physician to the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, &c.*

11, UPPER MERRION STREET,

DUBLIN, 23rd March, 1875.

I AM happy to have it in my power to bear testimony in favour of Dr. ANGUS FRASER, who is a candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen.

Dr. Fraser is a skilful and successful Physician, as well as an accomplished teacher, one of those men certain to rise to eminence in his profession, no matter where he may be located ; one who will by his energy overcome difficulties, as he will by his talents and erudition adorn any appointment he may hold.

LOMBE ATTHILL, M.D.

XV.

From CLEMENT GODSON, M.D., (*Aberdeen*), *M.R.C.P., London, Physician to the Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children, &c.*

LONDON, 8, UPPER BROOK STREET, GROSVENOR SQUARE, W.

22nd March, 1875.

It gives me great pleasure to bear testimony to the decided fitness of Dr. ANGUS FRASER to fill the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen.

I have had numerous opportunities of observing, at the Infirmary and elsewhere, the skill with which he undertakes the treatment of the diseases peculiar to women, and the thorough knowledge which he possesses of the literature of the subject.

His kindly disposition and courteous bearing must make him popular as a Teacher, which with the experience he has already gained as an Examiner in the University seem to me to render him pre-eminently qualified for the appointment.

CLEMENT GODSON, M.D.

XVI.

From ALEX. DYCE DAVIDSON, M.D., *Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, &c.*

224, UNION STREET,

ABERDEEN, 22nd March, 1875.

DEAR DR. FRASER,

As a candidate for the Midwifery Chair now vacant through the death of Dr. Inglis you have my best wishes, and it gives me great pleasure to bear testimony to your fitness for that office.

Among your professional brethren in the city and neighbourhood you occupy a very high position, and I believe deservedly so; but what gives you a special claim in your present candidature is the fact that on two separate occasions you have been requested to occupy the chair temporarily and on both of these with but a very brief warning. On the first occasion you taught during half the session after the death of the late Dr. Dyce. On the second during the session 1874-75 you occupied that chair in place of Dr. Inglis.

The students on both occasions are unanimous in expressing their entire satisfaction of the way the work of the class has been conducted, and this surely must be a strong argument for your appointment to the vacant chair.

Most cordially wishing you all success,

I am, yours, &c.,

ALEX. DYCE DAVIDSON

Dr. FRASER.

XVII.

From WILLIAM BRUCE, A.M., M.D., L.R.C.S.E., late Examiner in Medicine in the University of Aberdeen.

DINGWALL, ROSS-SHIRE,

22nd March, 1875.

I HAVE known Dr. ANGUS FRASER for the last fifteen years, and have formed a very high opinion of his professional abilities and general character. I know that he has paid great attention to the special subject of Midwifery, and I feel assured from what I saw of him as one of the Examiners in Medicine at the University that he will, if elected, make an excellent, painstaking, and popular Professor of Midwifery in Aberdeen.

WILLM. BRUCE, M.D.

XVIII.

From ROBERT RATTRAY, M.D., Superintendent Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, formerly Lecturer on Materia Medica, King's College and University of Aberdeen, &c.

ABERDEEN INFIRMARY, 22nd March, 1875.

I HAVE known Dr. ANGUS FRASER from his earliest years, but more especially since he commenced the study of Medicine, and became a Practitioner in Aberdeen.

During the period of his attendance at the Medical classes and at this Hospital, Dr. Fraser was esteemed one of our best students, and, since he has been established as a Physician here, he has had a similar reputation amongst his medical brethren. In the course of his connection with the General Dispensary and Parochial Board of this city he has had large experience in the Department of Midwifery, and through the entire hygene session

and for some time on a previous occasion he has taught the Midwifery Class with much acceptance by his students.

Should Dr. Fraser be appointed to the vacant Professorship of Midwifery, I believe its duties will be performed most efficiently, and his native place will continue to have the advantage of his skill and experience.

ROBERT RATTRAY, M.D.

XIX.

From WILLIAM LYON, M.R.C.S. England, Peterculter, near Aberdeen.

PETERCULTER, 25th March, 1875.

MY DEAR DR.,

I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to that of others in favour of your fitness to fill the Midwifery Chair in the Aberdeen University. With your abilities, your favourable opportunities of acquiring professional knowledge, and your readiness to be benefited by an extended experience, I consider you well qualified to become a Teacher of Midwifery.

With kindest regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM LYON.

DR. ANGUS FRASER.

XX.

From JOHN G. MCKENDRICK, M.D., F.R.S.E., F.R.C.P.E., Lecturer on the Institutes of Medicine in the Extra-Academical School, Edinburgh, &c., &c.

29, CASTLE TERRACE,

EDINBURGH, 27th March, 1875.

DR. ANGUS FRASER has requested me to certify as to his fitness for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen. It

would be presumptuous on my part to offer any opinion as to his claims as a specialist in the department of Midwifery, but I am able to state that I have a very high opinion of his knowledge as a scientific physician. He has devoted himself most assiduously to the study of his profession, and he has made himself familiar with its literature and methods of observation and research. From his writings and conversations he has always given me the impression of being a man of strong and penetrating intellectual powers, having clear and decided views on medical matters, and having also the power of expressing these views with vigour and clearness. He has had experience in teaching Midwifery, and I believe his lectures gave great satisfaction to the University Authorities and to the students under his charge. As I have the interest of my *alma mater* at heart, I trust Dr. Angus Fraser will be appointed to the important chair. I feel confident he would become an able Professor.

JOHN G. McKENDRICK.

XXI.

From ALEXANDER OGSTON, M.D., *Surgeon, and Lecturer on Clinical Surgery in the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Examiner for Degrees in Medicine in the University of Aberdeen, &c., &c.*

ABERDEEN, 30th March, 1875.

MY DEAR DR. FRASER,

As you are a candidate for the Professorship of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen, I have much pleasure in saying that you are very well qualified for the post.

After graduating with distinction, and studying abroad, you commenced a connection with our Medical School, which has since been almost uninterrupted.

As a teacher and trainer of students you have had ample experience, for you have advanced from one position to another in our Medical School, always rising higher in the estimation of your colleagues, and always fulfilling your duties with credit.

Your career as substitute for the Professor of Midwifery is regarded by everyone as a signal success.

In other respects you do not fall short of what is necessary to constitute a successful Professor. You have not cultivated publicity much, but our local Medical Societies are familiar with your studies and writings on medical subjects, and these have always carried the stamp of a sound and judicious judgment, and a penetrating mind. Personally your success will be welcomed by your professional brethren.

On these and other accounts you have generally been considered the person likely to succeed to the vacant Chair, and such an opinion is in itself the strongest certificate you could obtain or wish.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

ALEX. OGSTON.

Dr. ANGUS FRASER, Aberdeen.

XXII.

From STUDENTS attending the MIDWIFERY CLASS in the University of Aberdeen, during the present Session.

(*Note.*—The Class consisted of 41 Students ; three Gentlemen are absent from Classes in the meantime from ill health, &c.)

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN, *March, 1875.*

TO ANGUS FRASER, M.D.

WE, the undersigned Students, who have attended the Class of Midwifery in this University, during the Session 1874-5, wish,

before parting from you, our Teacher, to testify our appreciation of the valuable and instructive Lectures to which we have had the pleasure of listening.

Called upon, as you were, on a few days' notice, to prepare for delivery a Course of Lectures on the important subject of Midwifery, it would not have been surprising if the outcome had shown signs of unpreparedness or hasty compilation.

That this was not the case, we submit, reflects great credit on your abilities, literary, as well as professional.

Should you come forward as a Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in this University, now vacant, we heartily wish you all success in your endeavour, feeling sure, from our own experience, that your appointment to such a position would tend to the good of the Institution, as well as to the professional advancement of those whom you may be called upon to instruct.

ADAM BLACKHALL.
ALBERT WESTLAND, M.A.
JOHN HAY MOIR.
WILLIAM FORD EDGELOW.
J. A. AUSTIN.
WILLIAM JACK.
ROBERT SMITH, M.A.
JOHN HARRIS.
THOMAS FORT. GARVIN, L.M.S.
JAS. DUNCAN.
JOHN FALCONER MURISON.
PENROSE TORRY ANDERSON.
HENRY WATSON.
WILLIAM BANNERMAN, M.A.
ROBERT H. M'DOUGALL.
HENRY M. JAY, M.R.C.P., and
F.R.C.S.
J. WALKER BEATTIE.
CHAS. WM. DOYLE.
GEO. H. SMITH.

ALEX. M. M'ALDOWIE.
WM. ARNISTON VICE.
G. M. EDMOND, M.A.
GEORGE CRAN.
F. WADE WRIGHT, M.R.C.S.E.
JOHN BARRON, M.A.
THOMAS ALEXANDER SKENE
HENRY R. BELL.
JAMES ANDERSON.
JOHN CAIE PEARSON.
THOMAS FIDDES.
JOHN HERBERT MEARNES.
ALEXANDER MACPHERSON.
JAMES ROSS, M.A.
H. N. V. HARRINGTON.
W. J. R. SIMPSON.
ALEXANDER DAVIDSON.
JAMES CRAN.
A. BARCLAY EWART.

XXIII.

From J. H. AVELING, M.D., Editor of the Obstetric Journal, Physician to the Chelsea Hospital for Women. &c., &c.

1, UPPER WIMPOLE STREET, CAVENDISH SQUARE W.,
April 3rd, 1875.

I HAVE much pleasure in stating my conviction that Doctor ANGUS FRASER is in every way competent to fill the important and highly responsible position of Professor of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen. From my personal knowledge of him, I believe he will, if elected, sustain the honour and prestige of the University, and be popular with both Professors and Students.

J. H. AVELING.

XXIV.

From JOHN MITCHELL BRUCE, M.A., M.D. (Lond.), M.R.C P. (Lond.), Assistant Physician to the Charing Cross Hospital, London, &c., &c.

8, OLD CAVENDISH STREET, CAVENDISH SQUARE, W.,
April, 1875.

HAVING been a student of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen, under Dr. ANGUS FRASER, when he discharged the duties of the Chair in 1869, and being well acquainted with his very successful professional career, both before and after that date, I am able to add my favourable testimony to the numerous assurances of appreciation and confidence which he has already received from others.

Dr. Fraser appears to me to possess in a very full measure some of the most important qualifications of a worthy Professor

of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen. He knows the subject intimately, both in theory and in practice ; he has had large experience in teaching medical students the science and art of several branches of their profession ; and -- especially important, as I believe---he is, as an Aberdeen man, perfectly acquainted with the character and capacity of Aberdeen students and with their necessities as future practitioners. His previous experience in the Chair would appear to complete the strength of the claims which Dr. Fraser has upon the favourable consideration of the Patron of the chair.

J. MITCHELL BRUCE,

M.D., Lond , M.R.C.P., Lond.

XXV.

From CLAUD MUIRHEAD, M.D., F.R.C.P., *Edin.*, *Secretary of the Medico-Chirurgical Society, Edinburgh ; Assistant Physician to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary ; Lecturer on Practice of Medicine in the Edinburgh Medical School, &c., &c.*

7, HERIOT ROW, EDINBURGH,

21st April, 1875.

I HAVE much pleasure in stating that I have enjoyed the acquaintance of Dr. ANGUS FRASER for some time, and that from the intercourse I have had with him, I esteem his medical qualifications highly.

I am not competent to speak of Dr. Fraser's ability to lecture on the subject of Midwifery, because I have never been fortunate enough to hear any of his prelections ; and this not being a branch of the profession which I myself interfere

with, I have the more diffidence in giving any opinion. But this will be sufficiently attested by others.

But I cannot refrain from saying that I greatly appreciate his ability and skill in the ordinary department of medicine, and I feel sure that the same ability and skill will distinguish Dr. Fraser in this particular line of medical practice as in the others.

CLAUD MUIRHEAD, M.D.

XXVI.

From JAMES ROSS, M.D., Waterfoot, Manchester, Author of "The Graft Theory of Disease," &c.

TENTERFIELD HOUSE, WATERFOOT, NEAR MANCHESTER,
April 16th, 1875.

MY DEAR SIR,

I rejoice to learn that you are a candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen. This important position will open up to you a career worthy of your talents, and your appointment will be a fitting reward for the many services which you have rendered to the University.

Your qualifications for the post are many. You have already lectured upon the subject with much acceptance to the Students and to the Medical Faculty of the University. You are not only thoroughly conversant, both theoretically and practically, with the subject you seek to teach, but your high scientific training, literary culture, and large experience as a successful physician, will also preserve you from forming that

contracted view of the diseases incident to the puerperal state which is apt to be engendered in those who pay a too exclusive attention to obstetrics as an art, and will, I am fully persuaded, enable you to make valuable original contributions to this important branch of medical science.

And above all, I feel sure that you will bring a genuine enthusiasm and love to bear upon your work for its own sake, independently of the emoluments and advantages which the position will secure to you, and I have much pleasure in wishing every success to your candidature.

With kind regards,

Believe me, my dear Sir,

Yours very sincerely,

JAMES ROSS, M.D.

XXVII.

From ALEXANDER J. MANSON, M.D., *Senior Surgeon to Chalmers'*
Hospital, Banff, &c., &c.

1, OLD CASTLE GATE, BANFF,
21st April, 1875.

DEAR DR. FRASER,

It is with great pleasure I have heard that you are a candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen.

From the efficient and acceptable manner in which, with very short warning, you have discharged the duties of that Chair, and from your well-known abilities and scientific acquirements in every branch of your profession, and specially in the

department of Obstetrics and Gynæcology to which you have more particularly devoted your attention, I entertain no doubt that your appointment to the Chair of Midwifery would tend to the advancement of the already high character which the School of Medicine in Aberdeen has so long deservedly maintained, while your gentlemanly bearing and uniformly straightforward conduct will render your appointment acceptable to all your Medical brethren.

Wishing you every success,

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

A. J. MANSON.

